project is financed by foreign countries;

(b) if so, which countries are aiding and financing the said project ; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto and the action proposed by Government to dissuade them rendering such aid to Pakistan in view of obvious dangers involved therein ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) to (c) Government is concerned about the technical and financial assistance reported to have been given to Pakistan by different countries in this field.

Permission to militant Sikhs for demonstration in U. K.

643. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the *Times of India* of 8th October, 1985 to the effect that the Government of U. K. had permitted the militant Sikhs in that country to hold demonstration on the eve of the Indian Prime Minister's visit to that country in October, 1985;

(b) if so, what is the Government's precise information in this regard;

(c) whether any protest has been lodged with U. K. Government regarding the circumstances under which such permission was given; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two demonstrations by militant organisations were organised on 14th and 15th October, 1985. They were poorly attended and effectively controlled by the British authorities.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Israeli attack on Palestinian Headquarters

644. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR :

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken note of the Israeli attack on Palestinian headquarters in Tunisia around beginning of October, 1985; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto, by way of taking up the matter at international and diplomatic forums and otherwise ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Immediately, following the Israeli attack on PLO Hqrs. in Tunisi on 1-10-1985, Government's official Spokesman issued a statement strongly condemning it as a "blatant act of Israeli aggression against Tunisia and the Palestinian People." Prime Minister sent a special message expressing solidarity and support and Chairman Yasser Arafat as well as to the Tunisian Prime Minister. India has also condemned the Israeli attack at various international fora, notably, the United Nations Security Council & International Civil Aviation Organisation.